



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

October 16, 2015

To: Community Chief Elected Officials
Community Administrators/Managers
Community Clerks
Enforcement Officers & Certified Wetland Specialists

Subject: Watershed Development Ordinance
Start of the Adoption Period for Community Ordinances

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Lake County Board adopted four amendments and a re-formatted county-wide Watershed Development Ordinance (Ordinance) on October 13, 2015.

Please consider this notification as the official start of the adoption period for Communities to adopt the revised Ordinance.

The amended WDO is now effective and includes the minimum county-wide standards for regulated development. The amendments include section re-formatting (for ease of use), administrative clarifications, enhancements, and new floodplain maps produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). By adopting the revised WDO prior to February 17, 2016, your community will have met FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Please find attached the following documents for your use:

1. List of amendments in numerical order (Exhibit A);
2. Ordinance adoption template (by reference);
3. Electronic version of the updated Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance (effective date: October 13, 2015). An electronic version is also available for download at www.lakecountyil.gov/stormwater.

Instructions for All Communities Regarding Adoption of the Ordinance

All Communities in Lake County are required to adopt the revised Ordinance within the adoption period which is from October 16, 2015 – February 17, 2016. It is required due to:

- Remain in good standing in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Minimum (NFIP)
- Maintain Community Certification Status

The Ordinance adoption template is being sent to you in Microsoft Word format and changes can be made to the form as needed by the Community. Once your community has adopted the revised WDO through the local Ordinance process, please forward a copy of the adoption paperwork to SMC. We will then forward the documents to both IDNR/OWR and FEMA for their records. **All original executed and signed forms must be returned to SMC prior to February 17, 2016.**

Additionally, WDO training workshops will be held on October 28th and November 3rd at the Central Permit Facility in Libertyville. **Community Enforcement Officers and Certified Wetland Specialists are required to attend one of the 3-hour sessions.** Please see the attached workshop announcement for details and registration information.

SMC is available to meet with your community regarding the adoption procedures or to provide technical assistance on this and all Ordinance related issues at any time.

Please feel free to contact me at 847-377-7720 or email kwoolford@lakecountyil.gov.

Sincerely,

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission



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Encl: List of amendments (Exhibit A)
Ordinance adoption template (by reference)
10-13-2015 Watershed Development Ordinance
Training workshop announcement